Empowering women

2565. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking of any serious measures in empowering women and educating them about their rights, in the light of legion incident of harassments against women, the latest being the case of an IAS Officer (employment generation and training department Commissioner) in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Apart from the existing laws and programmes to protect the rights of women and for their empowerment and creating awareness amongst women, the Government is considering enactment of a law to provide for prevention and redressal of sexual harassment of women at workplace.

Juvenile Justice Act in Assam

2566. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the print media regarding Juvenile Justice Act yet to be implemented in Assam; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to ensure that the Child Observation Centres in Assam and other States of North East are run on lines laid down in the Juvenile Justice Act, 2000, and to see that Children in the Observation Centres are kept in proper conditions to rejuvenate their future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The Ministry

of Women and Child Development is aware of the fact that the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 has not yet been properly implemented in the State of Assam.

(b) The officers of the Ministry of Women and Child Development have recently inspected the homes set up under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 in Assam and some other North Eastern States to see the conditions prevailing in these homes in order to take suitable remedial measures. The Assam Government and some other North- Eastern State Governments have been suitably advised in the matter.

Rajiv Gandhi National Crèche Scheme

2567. DR GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI C. PERUMAL:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the genesis and details of Rajiv Gandhi National Crèche Scheme;

(b) whether Government have any plan to open crèches for the children of working women, particularly in tribal belt of Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) what has been achieved so far; and

(e) the details of such crèches set up/proposed throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The genesis and details of Rajiv Gandhi National Crèche Scheme is available on the website of the Ministry www.wcd.nic.in.

(b) yes, Sir.

(c) Under Rajiv Gandhi National Crèche Scheme, it is proposed to setup 14,719 new Crèches across the country, including in the tribal belt of Rajasthan by the end of Tenth Five year plan period.